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_____. The Qingming Festival, or Tomb-Sweeping Day, is celebrated in China and many other East Asian countries. It's a special day to clean loved ones' gravesites and give offerings. Many African, Asian, and Latin American cultures build shrines to their ancestors in their homes, keeping their memories alive. Even gestures like the Jewish practice of leaving rocks atop gravestones are lasting signs that prove family still remembers and visits their loved ones.

What is the paragraph mostly about?

- a. different religions' beliefs about the afterlife
- b. ways to put the dead to rest other than western burial
- c. different ways that cultures honor their dead

Write a topic sentence to fill in the blank.



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Circle the homophone in each sentence.
Then match the correct spelling to each definition.

Funeral directors can alter most aspects of a service to personalize it.

The Fujimotos have one altar for their ancestors and another for local spirits.

_____ – to change or modify

_____ – a raised structure used for worship, prayer, or other ceremony

Check the box that identifies what the italics denote.

Mexican *ofrendas* are specially built for the Day of the Dead.

☐ a title

☐ a foreign-language word

☐ emphasis

Write the correct word.

Nimal, _____ is Sri Lankan, is helping organize his grandfather's death anniversary celebration.
(who / whom)

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Use the terms **denotation** and **connotation** to explain the relationship between the words.

rowdy

enthusiastic

Fill in the blanks with the correctly spelled words.

The quarterback's _____
(miraculous / mirakulous)

throw caused a huge _____
(comotion / commotion)

in the stands.

Complete the table with the indicated forms of the adjective **clumsy**.

comparative	superlative



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A verb's present participle (**-ing**) can also be used in:

- participial phrases, which are modifiers and thus act as adjectives
- gerunds or gerund phrases, which describe activities and thus act as nouns

Circle the present participle in each sentence. Write **V** (verb), **A** (adjective), or **N** (noun) to identify how it is functioning.

_____ The lady wearing the foam hat whistled louder than everyone else.

_____ Beau couldn't attend the game, but he's watching it from home.

_____ Traveling to support the team is fun but tiresome—and expensive!

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Add the missing commas.

Coziah Uncle Jim's youngest son is studying to become a surgeon isn't he?

Rewrite the sentence correctly.

dr franklin have treated far more seriously injeries then this one before. **7 errors**

The Latin word pessimus means **worst**.

Choose the best transitional word from the box to link the sentences.

Circle the word that uses that root.



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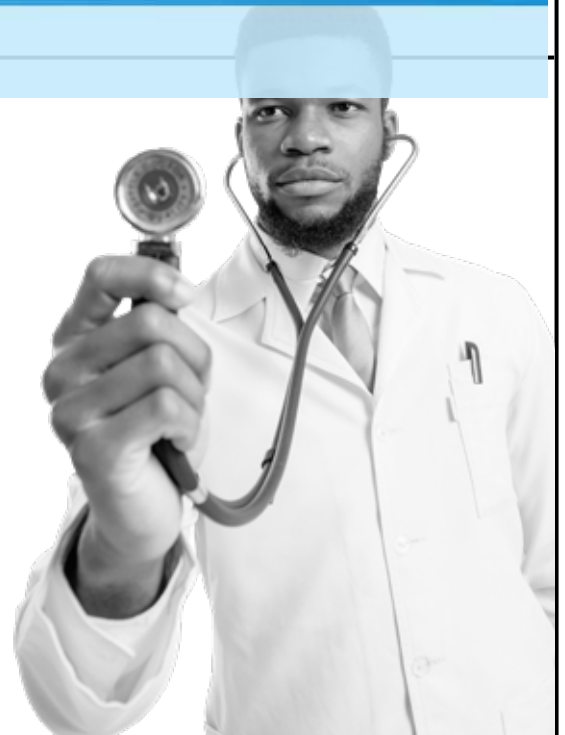
Identify the sentence structure error by writing **F** (fragment),
FS (fused sentence), or **C** (comma splice) on the line.

_____ X-rays, CT scans, and MRIs target different things
they all see inside bodies.

_____ Many factors can influence recovery times, nutrition
is just one.

_____ Helping to limit mobility with splints, braces, or casts.

Fix the comma splice.



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Circle the correctly spelled words, then fill in the blanks to complete the sentence.

imitation

imitasion

imitassion

impresion

impression

impretion

comedion

comedian

comedien

When a _____ does an
_____ of someone else,
it's called an _____.

Preparing a stand-up routine.

Correct the fragment in two different ways.

add a subject and helping verb:

make it a gerund phrase (functioning like a noun):



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☐ Ahmed's sets exhaust him; because he does physical comedy.

☐ I've never found roasts funny, so I don't watch them.

Many idioms are considered informal.
Rewrite the sentence to be more formal.

The headlining act really knocked them dead!

Draw lines to indicate the two places
where you could add an intensive
pronoun to stress that the hosts do not
write all their own jokes.

Comedic talk-show hosts may have
funny demeanors, but they rarely write
all of their material .

Write the pronoun you would use.

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The hallway outside the office was uncharacteristically quiet. The only sound in the office itself was the secretary's fingers clacking on the keyboard. Mila sat on the wooden bench, replaying the confrontation in her mind for the hundredth time. She'd never so much as been rude to a teacher, let alone shouted at one! The words had burst out before she'd been able to restrain them, like they'd belonged to someone else. She could still hear them echoing.

Under the secretary's watchful eye, Mila stepped into the nearby bathroom. Her face was splotchy from the tears she'd cried when she realized how much trouble she was in. She stepped straight toward the sink to wash it.

Mila hesitated a moment. Above the sink was an old, worn mirror with a crack stretching from one corner to another. The fracture split her reflection, dividing her nose and making her eyes uneven. The effect was unsettling.

She eventually recovered and splashed cold water on her face. However, the distorted image stayed with her even once she'd returned to the bench.

What does the mirror most likely symbolize?

a. the broken relationship Mila has with adults at the school



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Do you think this is the beginning, middle, or end of a story? Why?

Add the missing punctuation.

What were you thinking her mom said

Complete the sentence with the past tense of **think**.

Mila _____ long and hard about her actions.

Which action fits the idiom **facing the music**?

- a. Mila shouting at her teacher.
- b. Mila looking at her reflection.
- c. Mila receiving her punishment.

Fill in the blank with a correct pronoun.

It felt like someone else had done it, but Mila knew _____ was the one responsible.

What is the paragraph mostly about?

C. different ways that cultures honor their dead

Write a topic sentence to fill in the blank.

Answers will vary but should relate to different cultures

having different ways of honoring the dead.

Fill in the blank with the correct correlative conjunction.

I'm interested in **neither** traditional (either / neither / both) burial nor cremation.

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Use the terms **denotation** and **connotation** to explain the relationship between the words.

rowdy enthusiastic

Answers may vary but should indicate that the words both have denotations indicating high energy. However, rowdy has a more negative connotation while enthusiastic has a more positive connotation.

Fill in the blanks with the correctly spelled word.

The quarter-**mirac**le show was a hit. **com**ing to the

correctly formatted episode of a TV football team. use it in your words.

write a sentence using a superlative form of the adjective.

Answers will vary but must use clumsiest/least clumsy.

A The lady **wearing** the foam hat whistled louder than everyone else.

V Beau couldn't attend the game, but he's **watching** it from home.

N **Traveling** to support the team is fun but tiresome—and expensive!



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impression **impression** impression
comedian **comedian** comedian

When a **comedian** does an **imitation** of someone else, it's called an **impression**.

helping

Answers will vary. Example is: Preparing a stand-up routine is difficult.

make it a goal (functioning like) **Answers will vary. Example is: Preparing a stand-up routine is difficult.**

Check the box next to the sentence with no errors.

☐ Laney hates slapstick comedy, she finds it juvenile.

Many idioms informal to be

Answers will vary but must include: He was funny well-received.

Comedic talk-show hosts may have funny demeanors, but they **rarely** write all of their material.

Write the pronoun you would use.

themselves

b. Mila struggling with recognizing herself after her atypical behavior

What textual evidence supports your answer?

Mila reveals she had "never so much as been rude to a teacher" before and that the words felt "like they'd belonged to someone else."

Do you think this is the beginning, middle, or end of a story? Why?

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